## Taxpayer group fields slate of four write-in candidates

By ERIC FOSTER Post Staff

Widening its vision beyond complaints about the region's trash program, the Back Mountain Taxpayers Association presented a lineup of write-in candidates for Kingston and Dallas townships at its meeting October

Though the Taxpayers Association was formed in response to the Dallas Area Municipal Authority's garbage collection plan, the candidates say they've got other issues on their minds as

The candidates running in Kingston Township are John Manganiello, George Tucker, and Rev. Robb Henderson, pastor of 'the Carverton United Methodist Church, where the association has been holding its meetings.

"Running for supervisor doesn't just entail the garbage issue," said Manganiello. "Now you have people running to take over the government. You have to look at all facets of the system."

Manganiello, a self-employed housing contractor, is a native of West Pittston who has lived in Ky ston Township since 1989. raduated from Wyoming Area High School and has attended

Tucker said that the controversy over the Dallas Area Municipal Authority's exclusive contract for collecting garbage is his main concern. But he also has other concerns - particularly the increased traffic that is expected in the area after the final leg of the Cross Valley Expressway is completed.

"We will need at least two more traffic lights to slow this extra traffic," said Tucker. He also feels that police officers should receive better salaries because of the hazards inherent to the profession.

Tucker, a carpenter who builds forms for a firm which constructs bridges, moved to the area from California in 1969. He was president of the Trucksville Volunteer Fire Company last year, and is presently a member of the Shavertown Volunteer Fire Company. He has also been a coach for Kingston Township mini-football for 10

17. Hontz served 28 years in the complaints about the program. Army and Army Reserves and is a

Luzerne County Community Col- also past commander of the American Legion, Post 672.

The Taxpayers Association is planning a "meet the candidate night," though a time and place has not been set yet.

The association has produced a questionaire and will canvas Dallas, Kingston, and Dallas townships with it, asking residents to return it by mail. The purpose of the questionnaire, which generally asks if residents are pleased with the present program, is to provide the Taxpayers Association with statistics to present to municipal officials. It also asks if residents would approve of a class action lawsuit initiated by the associa-

"We went to the municipalities and to DAMA and we now know that they can't get rid of the contract supposedly," said Jackie Zukowsky, secretary of the asso-

In response, the association is sending municipal officials a letter David Hontz Sr., 63, of Dallas with suggestions so they will have Township, announced that he time to consider them before the would run as a write-in candidate October 23 meeting of the commitin Dallas Township on September / tee formed by DAMA to investigate

The suggestions include having retired operating engineer. He is a sticker program under which



RUNNING AS WRITE-INS - Shown from left are: John Manganiello, George Tucker, and Rev. Robb Henderson, running for Kingston Township supervisor, and David Hontz Sr., running for Dallas Township Supervisor.

residents would display different dents purchase bags instead of ers Association will be October 20 at 4 p.m. at the Carverton United colored stickers depending on which paying a standard fee. The next meeting of the Taxpay- Methodist Church. hauler they chose and having resi-

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representing the township in any sides. I believe the entire idea was matters regarding the controversy over DAMA's garbage contract.

"I feel very strongly about this, matter." there was never any conflict of

Kingston Township, will not be the perception of being on both the DAMA garbage contract. impair my effectiveness in the

cided it was ridiculous to keep up Township in matters relating to manager Jeff Box.

Jones will remain as Kingston

generated by the private haulers to Township's solicitor in other matters however.

"The township is quite confi-Attorney Robert Opel II has been dent of his abilities to carry out his interest," said Jones. "I just de- retained to represent Kingston duties," said Kingston Township



NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS - Shown from left are Dallas Borough's recently appointed council members, William Roberts, Marie Eyet, and William Peiffer.

## Dallas

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Because Carroll's term ran until an appointee in January. 1993, a final vacancy on the council will be filled by a write-in candi-

The council also accepted the date in the November election, or if resignation of Joseph Dwinchick there is no write-in candidate, then from the zoning board. Dwinchick

wrote the council a letter stating that work and other organizations were making increased demands

## Senior program seeks volunteer for the Dallas area

The Retired Senior Volunteer Program of Luzerne and Wyoming ounties needs a grandmother

ype of volunteer in the Dallas area for an 8-year-old after school. The volunteer must have own

transportation and be able to give ston weekdays between the hours several hours of her time once or of 9 to 3. twice a week as needed.

Interested persons are invited to call RSVP at 287-5949 or come to their office on the second floor of 680 Wyoming Avenue, King-

RSVP is sponsored by Luzerne and Wyoming Counties and needs volunteers, 60 years of age or older and retired for a number of agen-



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